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STOCK MARKS
RECORDED IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 1695-1721.

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In the office of the Historical Commission in Columbia there is a small manuscript volume bearing the following inscription on the fly leaf preceding the index:

"A Booke for Recording of Cattle Markes & others Given by the Hono^{ble}: Thomas Smith Esqr. Landgrave & Govern^{r} In September 1694"[1]

Notwithstanding the good intentions of Governor Smith, very few marks were recorded and the purpose for which the book was given was almost nullified, the greater part of the book was soon given over to other uses. The few records that were made, however, are now quite valuable historically and genealogically.

Record of Cattle Markes & others

1694/5 March 8th	This day came M^{r}. John Hamilton of Edestoh Island in Colleton County. & Recorded his marke of Cattle. Hoggs. & c^{t}: being as followeth, In each Eare two halfe Moones. The Topps of both Eares Cropt & Soe Slitt down to bottom of each Eare this Brand
H.	Marke as ℘ Margent
March 8th 1694/5	This day came M^{r}. John Hamilton of Edestoh Island in Colleton County and Recorded; His daughter. Mary Hamilton. her Marke of Cattle & Hoggs (& c^{t}) (being as followeth)
M H	The right Eare a halfe Moon cutt out in each side, The Top of said eare Cutt of and soe Slitt downe in ye midle to the bottom of the Eare. The Left Eare only Cropt, Her Brand Marke; on ye Left buttock as ℘ Margent

[1]Previously to this time a few marks had been recorded at random in other volumes.

1694/5 March—8th — This day Came Mr. John: Hamilton of Edestoh Island in Colleton County. And Recorded his Sonn Paul Hamilton his Marke of Cattle & Hoggs & ct (as followeth) In Each Eare a Swallow Taill cutt out in the Topp thereof. and under the Swallow forke a round Hole cutt out in Each Eare: his brand marke as ℘ margent being on the Left buttock

P H

1694/5 March—8th — This day came Mr. John Hamilton of Edestoh Island in Colleton County and Recorded his daughter Anna Hamilton her Marke of Cattle & Hoggs & ct, (as followeth) The Topp of both Eares cutt of, and two Slitts in each Eare from ye Topp to the bottom her brand marke on ye Left buttock as ℘ Margent —

1694/5 March 8th — This day Came John Berrisford Esqr. and Recorded his Cooppers Brand marke for barrells as ℘ Margent

J B

1695 May 30th — This day came Samuell Stent of James Island. in Berkeley County and Recorded his Marke for Cattle & Hoggs (as followeth) The Right Eare an upper Keel on the outside of the said Eare, and ye Left Eare. an under Keell on the outside of the said Eare. and his Horne Marke S. S. branded

1695 July—19 — This day Came Major Charles Colleton, and Recorded his Marke for Cattle, Horses & Hoggs as followeth, Both Eares two under Keells, His Brand marke X on the Neer Buttocks

1695 August—6 — This day Came James Bard and Recorded his Marke for Cattle & Hoggs as followeth, The Right Eare a Crope & Two Slitts downe almost to ye roott of said eare, The Left being a Swallow forke and an under keele, his brand marke being J B

1695 August—6	This day came Richard Shaw of Berkley County & Recorded his Marke for Cattle & Hoggs (as followeth) The Right Eare a hole in ye middle of ye eare: and said Eare Cropt, And an upper keell cutt of said eare, The Left Eare a Crope and a Slitt, his Brand Marke is R S
1695./ October 29 M N	This Day Came Moses Norman of Berkley County recorded his marke for Cattle & Barrells as ℔ Margent
1695 Novemb^r^ 27	This Day Came John Raven of Colleton County & recorded his Marke for Cattle & hoggs as followeth Two Slitts in ye Right Eare & one in ye Left his Brand Marke being J: R
1695/6 January ye 11	This Day Came Thomas Rake of Edistow Island & recorded his marke for Cattle & hoggs, as followeth one slitt in ye Right Eare & & upper Keele in ye Left & in ye Left a Side Slitt
1695/6 January ye 17	This Day Came John Alston of Chachan in Colleton County & recorded the marke of John Harris, Junr for Cattle & Hoggs as followeth Two und^r^ Keeles in Boath Eare
	This Day Came John Brea of Edistow Island & recorded his marke for Cattle & Hoggs as followeth y^e^ topps of Both Eares Cutt of & three Slitts Downe to y^e^ botom of them both
ffebry—5 1695/6	This Day came Richard Benett of ffrips Island & recorded his marke for Cattle & Hoggs as followeth halfe of y^e^ Eares Cutt of & Two peaces cut out
March 2^d^ 1695/6 W: B	This Day Came M^r^ W^m^=Bolow & recorded his marke W B with a Slitt in y^e^ Right Eare & a Hole in y^e^ Left

March 21st 1695/6 T P	This Day came Mr Thomas Pinkny & Entered ye marke of his cattle & Hoggs it being 2 undr=Keeles one; in Each Eare which was formerly ye Marke of Thomas Rose which is now assigned unto ye sd. Pinckny (and also branded on the Right Buttock as ℙ Margt.)
Aprill 3 1696	This Day came Mr=Nathaniel Law & Entered his mark which is Three halfe Moones cutt out of Each Eare & his Brand marke being as ℙ Mergt=
Aprill 6 1696	This Day came Capt=Wm=Smith & recorded his marke for Cattle and Hoggs Vizt. is a Hole in the Midle of Each Eare with a forke cutt out of the Tipp of Each Eare and his Marke for Horses is a figure of Seaven
1696 Aprill 16 J:S:	This Day came John Sanders of Wando River and recorded his marke for Cattle & Hoggs Vizt=Two upper Keeles and his Brand marke being as ℙ Mergt=
1696 May 11	This Day came Robert Britewell of Cumbohee and recorded ye marke for Cattle & Hoggs which is one fforke Cutt out of Each Eare & a Slitt, ffor Sarah Bures Junr
1696 May 23	This Day came Mr Nicholas DeLongemar Jun and recorded his mark which is a ℙ Mergt=who Lives above Tee in the Eastern branch of Couper river neare pumpkin hill.
1696 June 22	This Day came Mr John Branford of the North Side of Ashley river and recorded his marke for Cattle & Hoggs Vizt=one Slitt in Left Eare & a figure of seaven in ye right & his brand marke beeing as ℙ margt=
1696 June ye 22	This Day came Peter Manico of Santee & recorded his marke for Cattle & Hoogs which is ye Eare Cutt of boath sides as ℙ

	marg^{t}=& his Brand marke as ℘ merg^{t}=P M
P M	which cutt is in y^{e} Left Eare
1696	
June y^{e} 27	This Day came John Burke of Bowatt and recorded his marke for Cattle and Hoggs which is a Cropp Slitt and und^{r} Keele in y^{e} left Eare and a Swalow forke in y^{e} Right and
J : B	his Brand marke as ℘ merg^{t}=
1696	This Day came Joseph Ellott of Stono river
July y^{e} 16	& recorded his marke for Cattle & Hoggs which is both Eares Crop^{t}=and a Slitt in the Right Eare and his Brand marke as ℘ marg^{t}=
July y^{e} 27th 1696	This Day Came Mr Mathew Talartha of Berkley County & recorded his Brand marke
M T	which is ℘ merg^{t}=& a swallo forke in the Right Eare & a noch in the Left Eare Cropt
August 3^{d} 1696	This Day Came Richard Blake of Coupe River Head & recorded his marke for Cattle and Hoggs which is y^{e} Left Eare Cropt & y^{e} Right Eare an und^{r} Keele & his Brand
R B	marke as ℘ merg^{t}=
1696 octob^{r} : 29	This Day Came Joseph Marbuff Jin[2] LaBrosse of Couper river & recorded his marke for Cattle and Hoggs which is boath Eares Slitt
LB M	& his Brand marke as ℘ marg^{t}=
29	and this Day Came Lewis Juin of Couper River
L J	& recorded his marke ffor Cattle & Hoggs which is the Left Eare Cropt & Three Slitts in the right
1696 Novemb^{r} 16	This Day came Shem Buttler & recorded the marke of W^{m}: Smith for Cattle & Hoggs which is the Left Eare Cropt & Three Slitts & the Right Eare Cropt & Two Slitts and his Brand marke as ℘ margent

[2]This should have been de. La Bruce, or La Brosse, de Marbeuf, or Marbeuf de La Brosse, or La Bruce, were the usual forms in which the present La Bruce family name was written in that day.

Novemb^{r} 16	This Day Came Shem Buttler & recorded his marke for Cattle & hoggs which is the Left Eare Cropt & Three Slitts & the Right Eare with a Single Slitt in the midle & his Brand marke as ℘ mergent
1696 January 7th:	This Day Came Jno Mackfashion & recorded his Marke for Cattle & Hogs which is a Crop & a Whole in the Right Eare and a Crop & a Slitt in the Left

(To be continued.)